



Wellness and Nutrition Services, Office of the Chief Operating Officer

MEMORANDUM

To: School Food Authorities

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Re: Community Eligibility Provision: Revised Department of Education Title I Guidance

State Agency Memo

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This memo is to provide an update to question and answer guidance around the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and Title I, Part A previously released by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the US Department of Education (ED).

The following questions have been added or substantively modified since ED issued the January 2014 guidance: 18, 23, 23a, 24, 28, 29, 29a, 31, 34, and 35. A few updates to note include:

- Adding an additional approach to within-district Title I allocations where an LEA has CEP and non-CEP schools (Question 18);
- Information on when an LEA may use Title I funds to conduct a local survey to identify students from low-income families (Question 23a);
- Technical updates to clarify equitable services (Questions 28, 29, and 29a); and
- Information on the use of CEP data for State Education Agencies that have ED's approval to use alternative poverty data to calculate final Title I allocations to LEAs with under 20,000 total population (Question 31).

This guidance provides information that will assist as schools and LEAs are considering whether to elect CEP for the 2015-2016 school year.

All questions should be sent to your designated Program Specialist.